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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. PREVIEW OF COMMON MARKET DRAFT US-EC DECLARATION

EMBASSY THE HAGUE WAS SHOWN A COPY OF THE DRAFT EC OUT-
LINE FOR A US-EC DECLARATION BY A HIGHLY PLACED DUTCH
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL YESTERDAY. IN ADDITION TO A
PREAMBLE AND A FIRST SECTION ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES, THE
OTHER NINE SECTIONS STRESS US-EC COOPERATION IN THE
FOLLOWING FIELDS: EAST-WEST RELATIONS, COOPERATION WITH
DEVELOPING NATIONS, COOPERATION WITH INDUSTRIALIZED
NATIONS, TRADE, MONETARY REFORM, INFLATION, ENVIRONMENT,
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND NATURAL RESOURCES. PRO-
VIDING THE NINE GOVERNMENTS APPROVE, THE OUTLINE WILL
PROBABLY BE DELIVERED IN WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON BY
THE DANISH AMBASSADOR, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE.
(CONFIDENTIAL) THE HAGUE 4104, 9/18.

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2. US-CHILE RELATIONS

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CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER HUERTA TOLD AMBASSADOR DAVIS YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD BE GOING TO VALPARAISO THAT EVENING TO SEE ADMIRAL MERINO, AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH TODAY TO CLARIFY MERINO'S URGENT MESSAGE ASKING

FOR AN EARLY US STATEMENT ON THE CONTINUATION OF RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR DAVIS ADVISED THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF OUR DESIRE FOR A CORDIAL AND MOST CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP, AND SAID THAT WE EXPECTED TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE JUNTA'S NOTE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. (SECRET) SANTIAGO 4372, 9/18 (EXDIS).

3. PALME LIKELY TO CONTINUE GOVERNING IN SWEDEN

SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WILL STAY IN OFFICE IF THE VOTE DEADLOCK IS NOT BROKEN BY MAIL VOTES STILL TO BE COUNTED. ASSUMING THE IMPASSE IS CONFIRMED, EMBASSY STOCKHOLM SEES A WEAKENED PALME GOVERNMENT ORGANIZING THE NEW RIKSDAG IN JANUARY. BUT GIVEN PALME'S BENT FOR CONFRONTATION POLITICS, HE COULD PARALYZE THE RIKSDAG AND MAKE NEW ELECTIONS INEVITABLE (BUT NOT UNTIL JUNE 1974 AT THE EARLIEST). ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE PLAYS "PIED PIPER" TO THE SHAKEN LIBERALS IN A COALITION, HE COULD RULE FOR THREE MORE YEARS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) STOCKHOLM 3314, 9/18.

4. REPORTS OF KREMLIN DISSENSION ON DETENTE:

A. A PLANT FOR BARGAINING PURPOSES?

UPI REPORTS THAT UNNAMED EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID IN LONDON YESTERDAY THERE IS A "SPLIT" IN THE KREMLIN LEADERSHIP OVER DETENTE. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES, THE LATEST DISSIDENT EVENTS HAVE HARDENED OPPOSITION TO BREZHNEV'S RELAXATION POLICY AMONG THOSE WHO ALREADY FEAR ITS EFFECTS ON THE REGIME'S CONTROL AT HOME AND IN ALLIED COMMUNIST STATES. (UNCLASSIFIED) UPI 180, 9/18.
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B. A DIFFERENCE IN EMPHASIS ONLY?

PRAVADA'S LEAD EDITORIAL SEPTEMBER 18 SEEMS TO TAKE UP BREZHNEV'S CHALLENGE TO PROPAGANDISTS TO EXPLAIN BETTER THE PARTY'S POLICIES IN THE CONTEXT OF A FREER COMPETITION OF IDEAS. EMBASSY MOSCOW COMMENTS THAT THE PIECE PLACES MORE EMPHASIS ON THE DANGERS

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OF IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION FROM THE WEST THAN ON THE STRENGTH OF SOCIALIST IDEAS IN THE BATTLE FOR MINDS, REFLECTING AS DO OTHER RECENT ARTICLES, THE INABILITY (OR PERHAPS UNWILLINGNESS) OF THE PROPAGANDISTS TO BREAK OUT OF OLD MOLDS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 11303, 9/18.

5. MORE ON BURDEN SHARING FROM BONN

IN A MEETING WITH A VISITING DEPARTMENT OFFICER, FRG DEFENSE MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WIECK SAID THAT "CONSIDERABLE DISMAY" WAS CAUSED IN BONN BY THE US STATEMENT IN A RECENT NATO DOCUMENT THAT SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE NET 1.4 BILLION DOLLAR MILITARY ACCOUNT DEFICIT COMES FROM US FORCES IN THE FRG, IN SPITE OF A SUBSEQUENT "PASSING REFERENCE" TO THE FACT THAT THIS DID NOT INCLUDE (PREVIOUS) OFFSET AGREEMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 13499, 9/18.

6. TANAKA ASSERTS CONSTITUTIONALITY OF SELF-DEFENSE FORCE

JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA, IN HIS FIRST OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE NAGANUMA CASE, HAS VIGOROUSLY REASSERTED THE GOJ POSITION THAT THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE (SDF) IS CONSTITUTIONAL AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION OF COMPLYING WITH THE SAPPORO COURT DECISION. PREDICTABLY, OPPOSITION GROUPS HAVE SOUGHT TO EXPLOIT THE DECISION AND IMPEDE DIET DELIBERATIONS ON DEFENSE BILLS. EMBASSY TOKYO COMMENTS THAT MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THE ULTIMATE DECISION WILL AFFIRM THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE SDF, THUS REMOVING THE AMBIGUITY SURROUNDING THE

STATUS OF THE SDF. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 12044 AND 12045, 9/18.

7. JAPAN-DRV TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SEPTEMBER 21

EMBASSY TOKYO HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT JAPAN AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WILL ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 21. AMBASSADORS WILL BE EXCHANGED. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 12O67, 9/18. RUSH

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